

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF OCTOBER 6TH, 1937.

The Board of Public Works met in the office of the State Treasurer, Annapolis, Maryland, on Wednesday, October 6th, 1937, at twelve o'clock, noon.

Present -

Harry W. Nice, Governor.
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

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The Board proceeded to open proposals for the purchase of \$100,000, Two and Three-Quarters Per Cent, State Office Building Loan of 1937, Issue of June 15th, 1937, in accordance with advertisements appearing in the "Baltimore Sun" and the "Baltimore News-Post" of September 6th, 10th, 13th, 17th, 20th, 24th, and 27th and October 1st, 1937, as follows -

STATE OF MARYLAND
TREASURY DEPARTMENT

\$100,000 TWO AND THREE-QUARTERS PER CENT. STATE
OFFICE BUILDING LOAN OF 1937.

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

Pursuant to Chapter 368 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, Session of 1937, providing for the issue of the Certificates of Indebtedness herein mentioned and described, and pursuant also to a resolution of the Board of Public Works of Maryland passed on the 4th day of June, 1937, and on file and open to inspection in the office of the said Board in Annapolis, Maryland, the Treasurer of the State of Maryland will receive bids or proposals for Certificates of Indebtedness of the State of Maryland as follows -

\$100,000 TWO AND THREE-QUARTERS PER CENT. CERTIFICATES OF
INDEBTEDNESS KNOWN AS "STATE OFFICE BUILDING LOAN OF 1937"

Said Certificates of Indebtedness will be dated June 15th, 1937. They will bear interest at the rate of two and three-quarters per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on the 15th days of December and June, respectively, in each and every year during the continuance of the loan. The principal of said loan will be payable upon the Serial Annuity Plan, as more fully set forth in said Act of 1937, Chapter 368, as follows:

STATE OFFICE BUILDING LOAN OF 1937

<u>Series</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Redeemable</u>
"A"	\$6,000.00	June 15, 1940
"B"	6,000.00	June 15, 1941
"C"	7,000.00	June 15, 1942
"D"	7,000.00	June 15, 1943
"E"	8,000.00	June 15, 1944
"F"	8,000.00	June 15, 1945
"G"	8,000.00	June 15, 1946
"H"	8,000.00	June 15, 1947
"I"	8,000.00	June 15, 1948
"J"	8,000.00	June 15, 1949
"K"	8,000.00	June 15, 1950
"L"	9,000.00	June 15, 1951
"M"	9,000.00	June 15, 1952

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The following letter dated September 10th, 1937, from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, was read and considered -

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD
Eastern Region
Broad Street Station
PHILADELPHIA

September 10, 1937.

Mr. Joseph O'C. McCusker, Secretary,
Board of Public Works, State of Maryland,
Union Trust Building, Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:-

We hereby make application for approval of revised plan for the double-track bridge over Gunpowder River, in Harford and Baltimore Counties, Md., constructed under permit issued by the War Department March 19, 1912. Copies of the revised plans are enclosed herewith, which provide for changing the movable span to a fixed span, with clearance of 35' between piers and clearance from mean high water to under side of bridge of 12.51'.

This bridge is located on the electrified high-speed line of The Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad Company, between Philadelphia and Baltimore, over which there is operated daily a total of 89 passenger trains accommodating about 22,000 passengers, and 37 freight trains. The maintenance of a draw span in this bridge will cause inconvenience and delay to these passengers, and will delay the movement of freight trains.

Application has been filed with the War Department, requesting its approval of the revised plan, and a public hearing has been set for September 24th, 1937. Prompt action by the Board of Public Works will be appreciated.

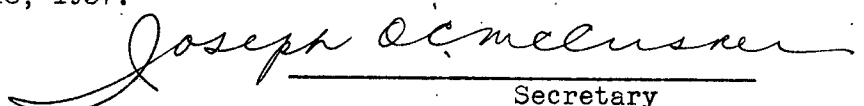
Yours very truly,

/s/ E. B. Temple,

Chief Engineer-
Eastern Region.

The application for approval of revised plan for the double-track bridge over Gunpowder River, in Harford and Baltimore Counties, Md., constructed under permit issued by the War Department March 19th, 1912, was approved.

The Board approved payment to the Charles Carroll of Carrollton Commission of the sum of \$500.00 to cover the expenses of the celebration held in Annapolis, September 18, 1937.


Secretary

The said certificates of Indebtedness will be of the denomination of \$1,000 each, subject to registration as to principal, and all will be issued with interest coupons attached.

This loan and the interest payable thereon is exempt from the Federal Income Tax and from State, County and Municipal taxation.

The said bids or proposals must be delivered to the Treasurer of the State, at his office in Annapolis, Maryland, before 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday

OCTOBER 6TH, 1937.

Each bid must be for cash on delivery, and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed on the outside "Proposal for State Office Building Loan of 1937". Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check upon some responsible banking institution, drawn to the order of the Treasurer of Maryland for five per cent of the par value of the amount bid for. All bids or proposals will be opened at 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, October 6th, 1937, in the presence of the undersigned.

On the opening of said proposals, as many of said Certificates of Indebtedness as have been bid for, not exceeding, however, the amount for which proposals are invited may be awarded by the Governor, the Comptroller of the Treasury and the Treasurer, or a majority of them to the highest responsible bidder or bidders therefor for cash; and if two or more responsible bidders have made the same bid and such bid is the highest and the certificates so bid for by such highest responsible bidders are in excess of the whole amount of certificates as offered for sale, then such certificates of indebtedness may be awarded in a ratable proportion to such responsible bidders bidding the same price.

The undersigned may, in their discretion, accept one bid for all of said loan or separate bids for parts of said loan, as may produce the largest amount, and they may in their discretion accept bids which may be for parts of said loan, but are not for all, and they reserve the right in their discretion to reject all bids or any bids.

The Certificates of Indebtedness awarded will be delivered to the successful bidder or bidders, upon receipt of the amount of the successful bid or bids, and any accrued interest due, on Friday, October 8th, 1937, at the office of the State Treasurer, Annapolis, Md.

Bidders are referred to the said Chapter 368 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1937, as containing the full terms and provisions of this loan.

It is one of the terms of this offering that the bonds when issued will be the legal and valid binding obligations of the State. The opinion of the Attorney General of Maryland and the opinions of Ritchie, Janney, Ober & Williams, and Mullikin, Stockbridge & Waters to this effect will be delivered to the successful bidder. Bidders may, if they wish, make the legality and validity of the bonds one of the terms of the bid by making the bid "Subject to legality" or using any equivalent form of expression, but without leaving this question to the decision of the bidders or their counsel. All bids conditioned upon the approval of bidders or counsel, whether named or unnamed will be treated as conditional bids and rejected, unless the condition is waived by the bidder to the satisfaction of the Board before the award has been made.

HARRY W. NICE,
GOVERNOR.

WILLIAM S. GORDY, JR.,
COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY.

HOOPER S. MILES,
TREASURER.

The bids received were as follows -

W.W. LANAHAN & CO.
Calvert Building
Baltimore

October 6, 1937

Hon. Hooper S. Miles
Treasurer, State of Maryland
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir:-

We will pay for

\$100,000.00 2 3/4% Certificates of Indebtedness of
THE STATE OF MARYLAND
Known as State Office Building Loan of 1937,
to be dated June 15, 1937 and to mature
serially in various amounts from June 15, 1940
to June 15, 1952, both inclusive,

as more particularly described in the enclosed advertisement, the sum of
\$104,799 and accrued interest, which is 104.799% of par.

This bid is made for a total of \$100,000.00 bonds and not for
any part thereof.

It is understood that these bonds are valid and binding obligations of the State of Maryland and that the approving legal opinion of Messrs. Ritchie, Janney, Ober & Williams and Messrs. Mullikin, Stockbridge and Waters will be delivered without cost to us.

Certified check in amount of \$5,000.00, which is 5% of the par value of the bonds bid for, is enclosed herewith.

If these bonds are not awarded to us, kindly return our certified check as promptly as possible.

Very truly yours,

JCR:MB
Encl

/s/ W. W. Lanahan & Co.

HALSEY, STUART & CO.

35 Wall St.
New York,
N.Y.

Hon. Harry W. Nice, Governor
Hon. William S. Gordy, Comptroller of the Treasury
Hon. Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer
State of Maryland
Annapolis, Md.

Gentlemen:-

For All or None of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)
STATE OF MARYLAND 2 3/4% CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS known as
"STATE OFFICE BUILDING LOAN OF 1937", offered for sale Wednesday,
October 6, 1937, at 12 o'clock Noon Eastern Standard Time, which

Certificates represent legal, valid and binding obligations of the State for the payment of which the full faith and credit of the State are pledged, to be issued in coupon form in the denomination of \$1,000 registerable as to principal only, principal and semi-annual interest, June 15 and December 15, payable in Baltimore, Certificates to be dated June 15, 1937 and to mature

\$6,000	each year	June 15, 1940 and 1941
7,000	"	" June 15, 1942 and 1943
8,000	"	" June 15, 1944 to 1950 inclusive
9,000	"	" June 15, 1951 and 1952

and in all other respects as set forth in the official notice of sale, we bid Par and accrued interest to date of delivery plus a premium of \$4,668. no/100

It is understood that the Certificates will be delivered to us accompanied by the unqualified approving opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Maryland and the opinions of Messrs. Ritchie, Janney, Ober & Williams and Messrs. Mullikin, Stockbridge & Waters whose opinions will be furnished by the State.

We are enclosing herewith our good faith check in the amount of \$5,000 to be held by you pending the fulfillment of our contract if we are the successful bidder. If our bid is not successful, please return our check immediately.

Respectfully
submitted,

/s/ Halsey, Stuart & Co,
Inc.
35 Wall Street,
New York, N.Y.

Enclosure

HARRIS TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK

14 Wall St.,
New York, N.Y.

October 5th, 1937.

The Hon. Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer,
State of Maryland,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the \$100,000 State Office Building Bonds of the State of Maryland to be offered for sale on the 6th instant, we hereby submit the following bid:-

For \$100,000 (all or none) Coupon bonds of the State of Maryland, dated June 15th, 1937, to constitute direct general obligations of the State of Maryland, denomination \$1000, maturing, without option of prior payment, as follows:-

\$6,000	due June 15th, 1940 and 1941
7,000	due June 15th, 1942 and 1943
8,000	due June 15th, 1944 to 1950 inclusive
9,000	due June 15th, 1951 to 1952

Bonds to bear Two and Three-Quarter ($2\frac{3}{4}\%$) Percent interest, payable semi-annually on the fifteenth day of June and December, we will pay the par value thereof and accrued interest to date of delivery and a premium of Four Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$104,577.00).

This bid is made for prompt acceptance and for prompt delivery of the bonds to us in New York, you agreeing to furnish us prior to delivery opinion of the Attorney General of the State, together with the opinion of Messrs. Ritchie, Janney, Ober & Williams, and the opinion of Messrs. Millikin, Stockbridge & Waters, approving the legality of said bonds and the sale thereof, together with certified papers examined by them showing that the full faith, credit and taxing power of the State is pledged for the payment of principal and interest.

As evidence of good faith we attach hereto our certified check with the understanding that if said bonds are awarded and delivered to us in accordance with our bid said check may be applied as part-payment; otherwise, same to be returned to us at 14 Wall Street.

Very truly yours,

HARRIS TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
Chicago

By /s/E. J. Algett, Jr.
Representative.

ALEX. BROWN & SONS

Baltimore, Md.
October 6, 1937.

Honorable Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer of Maryland,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

For all, but not for any part, of \$100,000 State of Maryland certificates of indebtedness known as "State Office Building Loan of 1937", to bear interest at the rate of 2 3/4% per annum, to be dated June 15, 1937 and to mature serially in various annual installments from \$6,000 on June 15, 1940 to \$9,000 on June 15, 1952, both inclusive, without option of prior payment, bids for which are to be received by you until 12 o'clock noon October 6, 1937, we hereby bid, subject to the approving legal opinions of the Attorney General of Maryland, Messrs. Ritchie, Janey, Ober & Williams, and Messrs. Millikin, Stockbridge and Waters, at the rate of \$103.653 and accrued interest per \$100 principal amount thereof. We enclose certified check in the amount of \$5,000 which covers your requirement.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Alex Brown & Sons.

MERCANTILE TRUST COMPANY
OF BALTIMORE

October 6, 1937.

Hon. Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer,
State of Maryland,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

For all but no part of the following described legally issued, properly executed, direct general obligation of the State of Maryland, namely \$100,000. Two and Three-Quarter Per Cent. Certificates of Indebtedness known as "State Office Building Loan of 1937", to be dated June 15, 1937 and maturing June 15, 1940 to 1952 inclusive, without option of prior payment, to be in coupon form in the denomination of \$1,000. registerable as to principal only, semi-annual interest payable December and June 15, and as further described in official notice of sale signed, Harry W. Nice, Governor; William S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller of the Treasury and Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer, we bid the sum of \$103.459 for each \$100. Certificate to date of delivery thereof.

It is understood that we shall be furnished, without expense to us, at time of or prior to the delivery of these certificates, satisfactory legal opinion of the Attorney-General of the State of Maryland, approving the validity of the certificates, together with certified papers examined by him, also with the approving opinion of Messrs. Ritchie, Janney, Ober & Williams; and Mullikin, Stockbridge & Waters, attorneys, Baltimore, Maryland.

As evidence of our good faith in bidding, we enclose certified check in amount of \$5,000. payable to the order of the Treasurer of Maryland. If this proposal is accepted, this check is to be retained as part payment for the above \$100,000. Certificates, otherwise, it is to be returned immediately to us.

This bid is for immediate acceptance.

Yours very truly,

Mercantile Trust Company of Baltimore
Stein Brothers & Boyce
Baker, Watts & Company

By: MERCANTILE TRUST COMPANY OF BALTIMORE

/s/ J. R. Crunkleton,
Secretary.

jrc/s

MACKUBIN, LEGG & COMPANY
Redwood and South Sts.
Baltimore
WEDNESDAY Oct 6, 1937

Treasurer of the State of Maryland,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your request for sealed bids for

\$100,000 Two and Three-Quarters Per Cent Certificates of Indebtedness known as "State Office Building Loan of 1937"

to be dated June 15th, 1937, and due serially June 15th, 1940 to 1952 inclusive, more particularly described in the attached advertisement, we hereby offer to pay you for all, but not for any part thereof \$102.671

and accrued interest from date of bonds to date of delivery for each \$100 par value thereof.

This bid is made with the understanding that the bonds are the direct obligations of the State of Maryland, the full faith, credit and taxing power of which is pledged for the payment of both principal and interest and that the bonds are legally and validly issued and sold.

As evidence of good faith, we enclose certified check for \$5,000. This check is to be used in part payment of the bonds in case our bid is accepted, otherwise to be returned to us promptly.

Very truly yours,

MACKUBIN, LEGG & COMPANY, BALTIMORE
PHELPS, FENN & COMPANY, NEW YORK

By: /s/ Howard E. Demuth
Mackubin, Legg & Company.

Amend
On motion duly seconded, the Board accepted the proposal of W. W. Lanahan & Company, and awarded the bonds to that bidder.

104,799
The Board reviewed Budget Amendments for the Central Purchasing Bureau, for the fiscal years 1938 and 1939. The Amendments provide for the continuation of salaries of the employees of the Bureau in the amounts heretofore approved for them by the Board.

The Comptroller submitted a statement of salaries and expenses of the Emergency Gross Receipts Tax Division and Relief Tax Division, for the period April 1st, 1937 to September 30th, 1937. The statement was approved.

The Board approved the request of Mr. F. W. Besley, State Forester, as contained in his letter of September 16th, 1937, that he be authorized to purchase three military lots, nos. 1454, 1455 and 1456, containing approximately 50 acres each, at \$1.00 per acre, from Paul Friend and Otto Shultz, of Oakland, Md.

The Secretary read to the Board a copy of a letter addressed by Hon. Harold L. Ickes, Administrator of the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, relative to application made by the University of Maryland, for a grant from that Administration, in connection with construction work at College Park. The letter was to the effect that an allotment could not be made to the University of Maryland.

The Secretary was instructed to send a copy of the letter to Doctor H. C. Byrd, President of the University.

The Comptroller explained to the Board that he had been to see Mr. Melvin E. Scheidt, Acting Administrator of the Public Works Administration, Baltimore, relative to applications made by State Agencies for Grants in connection with State Construction work. Mr. Scheidt requested that a letter be addressed to the Public Works Administration, asking approval of the Administration to the combining of the several projects into one project, and applying to the Public Works Administration for an advance of Federal Funds, which, with the State funds available, would be used as a Working Fund to permit of the State undertaking work on all of the projects at this time. Such a letter was written under date of September 30th, 1937 in accordance with Mr. Scheidt's request.

The Secretary reported that he had talked with Mr. Scheidt on the telephone and was informed that action by Washington on the application would be forthcoming very shortly.

The Secretary read to the Board a letter addressed to it by the Board of Trustees of St. Mary's Female Seminary, in connection with the resolution of the Baltimore Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, relative to complaints which have been made about the work done by St. Mary's Female Seminary at the property during the past year or so.

The Secretary was instructed to hand a copy of the letter of the Board of Trustees of St. Mary's Seminary to the Baltimore Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

The following letter dated October 1st, 1937, to the Conservation Department, was read and considered -

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

October 1, 1937.

Mr. Joseph O. McCusker, Secretary,
Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

At the present time the Commission has in its service a small motor boat called the Two Brothers, which was formerly used at Broomes Island. This spring we made an effort to use it at the Severn River Fish Hatchery but due to its age and unseaworthiness, we were forced to abandon it for our use.

The Department feels that it may be able to realize a small sum from its sale and would like the Board's permission to sell her.

Very truly yours,

/s/ C. E. Ebberts,
Asst. Chief Clerk.

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The Board approved the request of the Conservation Department that it be allowed to sell the motor boat called the "Two Brothers" for the best price obtainable for it.

The following letter dated September 27th, 1937, from the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium, was read and considered -

MARYLAND TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIUM

State Sanatorium, Md.
Sept 27th, 1937.

The Board of Public Works,
Union Trust Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

Our commission met on September 23rd, to pass on certain matters pertaining to the installation of boilers, coal handling equipment and the erection of a chimney at the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Henryton, Maryland.

Bids received were as follows: Boilers and Stockers .

Erie City	\$26,660.00
Keeler	31,106.00
Union Iron Works	27,865.81
Riley Stoker Corp	26,459.00
Lloyd E. Mitchell	28,100.00

Coal Handling Equipment

Consolidated Engineering Co.	
Link Belt	12,550.00
Fairfield Engineering Co.	
Marion Ohio	10,270.00

J. M. Cutshall & Sons	Chimney	2,343.00
The M. W. Kellogg Co.		3,370.00
Proctor Engineering Co.		3,195.00
Rust Engineering Co.		3,470.00
Carey Machine Co.		3,350.00

In each case we recommend awarding the contract to the lowest bidder, or

Riley Stoker Corp	26,459.00
Fairfield Engineering Co.	10,270.00
Cutshall & Sons	2,343.00

Will your honorable board grant us authority to award these contracts at your earliest convenience?

This work has the approval of the State Department of Mechanical Eng'r., who drew up the plans and specifications for same.

Yours very truly,
/s/ VFC

Doctor Victor F. Cullen, General Supt.

Sept. 27th, 1937.

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To the Board of Public Works:

The Building will be constructed under the same labor contract that we now have with Mr. J. Howell Davis, namely \$13.00 per 1,000 for putting bricks in the wall, we to furnish the material and the material will be bought through the Central Purchasing Bureau.

Yours very truly,
/s/ V.F.C.

DR. VFC/GL

The Board approved the request of Doctor Cullen that he be permitted to make contracts with the lowest bidders, as outlined in his letter.

The following letter from Albert G. Lomax, State Tobacco Inspector, was read and considered -

STATE TOBACCO WAREHOUSE

Baltimore, Md.
October 5, 1937.

The Honorable Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

Bids have been received for the reconstruction of State Tobacco Warehouse "B" located at Charles and Conway Streets, Baltimore, Maryland.

It was our original intention, and plans and specifications were drawn to add two stories to the present building, but we find that this cannot be done at the present time, due to the fact that the lowest bid received was \$135,080.00, ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND, EIGHTY DOLLARS) or in excess of the funds appropriated for this reconstruction.

We therefore revised our plans and specifications in order to reconstruct the present building allowing it to remain at the present four story height; but we have made provisions in the design of the foundations and structure as a whole in order that the two additional stories could be added at some future date.

The three lowest bids on the revised plans and specifications are as follows:

Morrow Brothers	\$107,277.00
John E. Clausen	110,125.00
E. Eyring & Sons Co.	110,580.00

As Morrow Brothers are the lowest bidder, (and I might state this contractor reconstructed the other two warehouses) I would recommend the awarding of this contract to them, and am asking your authority to do so.

This work has the approval of the State Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Yours truly,

/s/ Albert L. Lomax,
State Tobacco Inspector.

c.c. Blakeman
Hammond
Osborne

The Board approved the recommendation that the contract for the work be awarded to Morrow Brothers at their bid of \$107,277.00.

The following letter dated September 30th, 1937, from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, was read and considered -

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

Southern Division

Baltimore, Maryland.

September 30th, 1937.

Honorable Harry W. Nice,
Governor of Maryland,
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Governor:

In the laws of Maryland, 1918, Chapter 371, is "An Act to authorize and empower the Baltimore and Sparrows Point Railroad Company to maintain and reconstruct railroad bridges over Colgate and Bear Creeks in the State of Maryland, "Section 2 of which reads as follows:

"AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the said Baltimore and Sparrow's Point Railroad Company be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to reconstruct the said bridges now maintained by it over Colgate and Bear Creeks, or either of them, upon the site or sites now respectively occupied by the said bridges or upon some other site or sites when the plan or plans adopted by the said Baltimore and Sparrows Point Railroad Company for the reconstruction of the said bridges, or either of them, shall have been submitted to and shall have received the approval of the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland and of the Federal authorities in accordance with the provisions of the Statute Laws of the State of Maryland and of the United States, respectively, in such cases made and provided."

It is our intention to reconstruct a portion of the bridge over Bear Creek as provided for in section 2. In order to do this it is desired to take out the pile bents in the creek and replace same with a steel girder of 52 feet 5½ inches in length on the south or Baltimore end of the bridge, and to take out the pile bents and replace same with a deck plate girder, length 54 feet 6 inches, on the north or Sparrows Point end of the bridge. The foundations at the end of the girders will be pile construction. The replacement of the pile bents by girder bridges on that portion of Bear Creek Bridge will give more clearance and more areaway with less obstruction to water flow.

We are attaching herewith a small print of our plan A-291 and one print of sheet No. 5 and sheet No. 6 of plan 13098 showing detailed construction of proposed work which will be submitted to the District Engineer of the U. S. Engineer's Office in Baltimore.

Section 2 of the Act to authorize and empower the Baltimore and Sparrows Point Railroad Company to maintain and reconstruct railroad bridges over Colgate and Bear Creeks, requires us to submit to and have the approval of the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland and we therefore request this approval before the papers are presented to the District Engineer for attention of the War Department of the United States Government.

This is a continuation of improvements which we contemplate making from time to time in our bridge over Bear Creek.

Will you kindly arrange to have the reconstruction plans of this bridge approved as promptly as convenient?

Yours very truly,

/s/ W. W. Patchell

Superintendent.

Encls.

The Board approved the making of the improvement by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, as outlined in their letter of September 30th, and plans and specifications accompanying the letter.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board letters from General Reckord and Major Robert H. Archer, recommending that the Board find it possible to authorize the expenditure out of funds remaining to the credit of the Maryland Veterans Relief Commission at September 30th, 1935 the necessary funds to take care of a service officer and secretary and expenses in the fiscal years 1938 and 1939.

The Board deferred action in the matter, because of waiting for an opinion from the Attorney General, advising whether it will be possible to make the money available.

----- *State Property*

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board that there was a quantity of old furniture in the basement of the State House for which there apparently was no need whatever at this time, or that there would be need for in the future, and asked the Board what disposition it wanted to make of this property. It was stated that some of the property had been moved from the Mansion to the basement of the State House at the time of renovation of the Mansion.

The Board felt that the Governor should first look over this property with a view to deciding whether any of it would ever be wanted for the Mansion, and if not, it and the other property should be disposed of to the best advantage.

The Board discussed the matter of the State Office Building to be erected in Annapolis. It was decided that efforts should be made to obtain a suitable site and that any proposals for a site should be submitted to the Board at a later meeting.

The Board selected Mr. Laurence Hall Fowler and Mr. Henry Powell Hopkins, as architects to prepare plans and specifications for the new State Office Building.

The Board reviewed the various questionnaires received from the various State Departments and Agencies in connection with the new State Office Building. No action was taken at the meeting as to any particular department being transferred to Annapolis.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Joseph C. Mcclusker
Secretary.